Purchase of Tobacco outside the Auction Platform

3166. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vigilance squad of Tobacco Board raided the premises of traders who purchased Tobacco outside the auction platforms;
(b) if so, what are the details thereof;
(c) what are the erring companies; and
(d) what action has been taken and whether it was announced to the public; if not, what prevented Government to do?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) During 1993 Andhra Pradesh auctions, the vigilance squad of the Tobacco Board conducted raids on the premises of tobacco traders and detected tobacco suspected to have been purchased outside the auction platforms in forty cases.

Show cause notices have been issued to the traders involved. In two cases buyers' authorisations have been suspended. Further details of cases where a prima facie case is made out and the action taken against them are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual Turnover of STC

3167. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the annual turnover of the State Trading Corporation during each of the past three years ;

(b) what is the present level of trade handled by STC with Russia and other former Soviet Republics and what steps are being taken to regain the old level of the trade ; and

(c) what other new avenues are being explored by STC to gain the lost ground ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Annual total turnover of STC during each of the past three years is given below :

	(Rs. Crores)
1990-91	1756.00
1991-92	1315.00
1992-93	1013.00

(b) STC's trade with Russia and other CIS countries during each of the past three years is indicated below :—

	(Rs. Crores)	
	Exports (fob)	Imports (cif)
1990-91	45.10	74.73
1991-92	13.10	65.64
1992-93	21.59	3.20

The steps taken by STC for increasing its trade with Russia and other CIS countries include the following :

Barter trade through Escrow account mechanism Consignment sale/stock and sale of fast moving items like tea. Brand promotion.

(c) The total turnover of STC declin ed from Rs. 1,756 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 1,013 crores during 1992-93. The decline in turnover was mainly due to lower canalised turnover consequent on decanalisation of certain export/imoort items and the reduced import of edible oils. Consequent upon the decanalisation of import and export of a number of items hitherto canalised through STC, Govt, have been reviewing the need to restructure STC in a manner consistent with the liberalised economy and the competitive environment. STC itself is in the process of formulating and imple menting plans and strategies to adapt to the current environment laying ■ greater emphasis on noncanalised exports and imports, to create captive supply base and tie-up arrangements with a number of established industrial houses in the country.

Organisation of Indian Trade Fair at Muscat

3168. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state; (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item published in THE STATESMAN, dated 20-7-93 captioned 120 Indian firms for Muscut Trade Fair;

(b) whether stens are- being taken to tone up the functioning of ITPO ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large portion of time and administrative effort is focussed on foreign tour and travel of top management;

(d) whether officials at the lower vels with trade fair expertise are stricted from travel;

(e) what steps are being taken to lsure that ITPO management is not solely foreign tour oriented ; and

(f) the details of any instances during the past two years where innovation and fresh initiatives have been taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A number of steps like increasing the working hours, strict control on staff strength and expenditure n line with Government policy, rationa-isation of staff strength through a Voluntary Retirement Scheme etc. have been taken to tone up the functioning of the ITPO.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Guidelines exist for determining the strength of the teams and the number of mandays that these teams can spend in foreign fairs. Foreign tours of all ITPO officials are regulated as per these guidelines. Officials at the lower level including Investigators, who rank equivalent to Assistants, are also deputed abroad in connection with fairs and exhibitions. ITPO is not solely foreign tour oriented. Holding fairs and exhibitions abroad is only one of the functions of ITPO which organises fairs in India and conducts other trade promo tion activities like buyer-seller meets, contact programmes etc. It also provides trade information.

(f) ITPO has come up with the concept of self-financing fairs. During 1992-93, eight such fairs 'were organised and 10 to 15 such fairs are also planned in 1993-94.

Trade between India and China

3169. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-China Joint Business Council has recently decided to double the bilateral trade to nearly US $ 700 million in the next 2-3 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) In the recent India-China Joint Business Council meeting held in Beijing, it was agreed that they will strive to double the bilateral trade in the next 2-3 years. For this purpose they have agreed to make the following efforts :

(i) identification of items which can be exchanged between the two countries, but presently being imported by either country from other sources;

(ii) to participate in the trade fairs held in either country;

(iii) periodic exchange of sectoral specific delegations and ;

(iv) establishment of Joint ventures.

निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना को लागू किया जाना

3170. श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश के विभिन्न अंचलों में निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना लागू करने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने गत दशकों में निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिये निर्यात प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्रों का निर्माण किया था ;

(घ) क्या इन क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत स्थापित औद्योगिक एककों के कार्यकरण की समय-समय पर समीक्षा की गयी है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन एककों का कार्यकरण सन्तोषजनक नहीं है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो निर्यातोन्मुखी औद्योगिक पार्क योजना के अन्तर्गत स्थापित इन एककों में पायी जाने वाले खामियों को दूर करने के लिये क्या प्रयत्न किये जा रहे है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार(श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) (ख) ग और (घ) जी, हां । उपयुक्त अवस्थापनापुरक सुविधाओं की स्थापना तथा उनके रख-रखाव के लिए राज्य सरकारों से वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु राज्य सरकारों के परामर्श से एक केन्द्रीकृत प्रायोजित "एक्सपोर्ट प्रोमोशन इंटस्ट्रिल पार्क" स्कीम तैयार की गई है । योजना आयोग द्वारा इस स्कीम को